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SITE STILL IDLE AS GLC DITHERS



The 120 building workers who lost their jobs in February on the GLC Broadway Market site are still fighting to get their jobs back. The management, A E Symes Ltd of Leyton, closed down the site for what they called "low productivity" and locked out the workers. Now the GLC has terminated the contract and is thinking of taking legal action against Symes.

Symes have persisted in complaining that the reason for walking out was poor industrial relations. They were obviously disturbed by the increase in union organisation on the site and the formation last autumn of a shop stewards committee. The workforce had rejected the management offer of a bonus scheme, preferring an increase in the basic rate, and negotiations over this were still going on when the site was closed down.

The company had also complained that the workforce had taken industrial action against the GLC's proposals to close down its own direct labour force. The convenor for the union involved, UCATT, John Jones, told HPP that the men had only taken one half-day strike, and that was in a London-wide protest against the closure of Wandsworth Council's direct labour force.

After the workers presented a petition to the GLC Housing Development Committee on 14 March, the committee decided that they could not get involved in a labour dispute. However, at a meeting of the Housing Policy Committee on 12 May, which the first committee reported to, it was decided to instruct officers to find out more about the background to the industrial activity on the site. (Apparently, the GLC doesn't think that getting officers to do this kind of work comprises "getting involved" in a labour dispute!)

Meanwhile, UCATT members had been picketing other sites under construction by A E Symes and its parent company, John Willmott Holdings Ltd (who have several other profitable subsidiaries, including three in the tax havens of the Channel Islands). They had travelled as far as Northampton to talk to other workers in the same company and try to encourage them to take action in sympathy. The union, however, then instructed them to confine their picketing to Broadway Market.

The workforce was encouraged by the response on the TUC Day of Action on 14 May, when the Hackney march stopped outside the site for speeches and a collection, which raised over £150. But it looks more certain now that they will not get their jobs back. They will be the losers, and so will the people of the area, who will have to suffer the blight of half-completed houses for many months more. And the winners will be Symes, who will probably survive, even if they are sued, and, of course, the Tory-controlled GLC itself, who will sell the houses anyway, thus depriving 298 more local families of the chance of getting decent housing.

Police memories lost at inquest

After a four week trial and evidence from over 80 witnesses, the jury at the inquest into the death of Blair Peach retired on Tuesday 28th May to consider its verdict.

Blair Peach, an East End teacher, died after being hit over the head during a demonstration against the National Front meeting in Southall in April last year.

The coroner, Doctor John Burton, in his summing up gave the jury 3 possible verdicts: unlawful killing, death by misadventure, or if no agreement could be reached, an open verdict.

The police counsel, who had attempted to confuse the jury throughout the case, have tried to prove death by misadventure, which would release the police from any responsibility. They don't deny that he was hit by a policeman, nor that the weapon was illegal. They contend simply that the situation permitted the use of force - (even illegal force?) - to disperse the "hostile" crowd.

The injury from which Blair Peach died in Ealing Hospital was caused by a single deliberate blow to the left side of the head. Pathologist Keith Mant, professor at Guy's Hospital, said the injury could not have been caused by a police issued truncheon. He thought the most likely weapon was a black-jack, or some similar heavy but malleable object. The blow had split Blair Peach's skull from its base

to his right ear, splintering the bone and bruising the brain to the depth of an inch. Professor Mant commented that he had never before seen such a severe head injury.

The demonstration called by a number of black Southall groups, was planned as a non-violent protest against a National Front election meeting in Southall Town Hall. The violence flared when the 3000 police drafted into the area broke previous assurances and refused to allow a peaceful march to pass the Town Hall.

NO-GO AREA

The police tactics consisted of creating a "no-go area" around the Town Hall by putting cordons across the four main roads into the town centre. As people arrived back from work they were not allowed to return home. In effect, Southall was under occupation for a day. As a local black leader said to a packed meeting the next day: "We have seen what it must have been like in the British colonies to have an imperialist occupying force within our community. Yesterday Southall saw the police state in operation...."

As the police cordons came under pressure from the demonstrators, the SPG were sent in to disperse the crowd. When the National Front meeting broke up at 7.30 pm, people began to make their way home. As Blair Peach was leaving the SPG charged down



Beechcroft Avenue and he received a fatal blow. The SPG officers involved in this particular incident, who have had over a year to construct a water-tight story, have decided almost to a man that they can hardly remember this part of the day at all, except to give themselves alibis.

The internal police report produced by the Complaints Investigation Branch (CIB 2), which has the full statements of all the police involved, has not been produced as evidence. The only part of the investigation to come out in evidence concerned the raid on SPG lockers in Barnes where a hideous assortment of bull whips, sledge hammers, coshes and pick-axe handles were found. They also searched one officer's house where they were treated to a private viewing of his comprehensive collection of Nazi uniforms and regalia, bayonets, swords and coshes.

The report was sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who decided against bringing a case against any

individual, despite leaks which suggested that six men were under suspicion. (From *THE LEVELLER*) The coroner and police lawyers have copies of the report, but it has been denied to the lawyers for Peach's family.

Despite being unable to check for inconsistencies between the police witnesses' evidence and their previous statements, the lawyers for Peach's family have constructed a strong case for 'unlawful killing'. In contrast to the police's collective amnesia, the eye witness evidence has been full and convincing. They all agree that Blair Peach was hit over the head by a policeman and had done nothing to provoke the attack.

The nine-strong, all white jury will have to reject all the popular myths of the "friendly local bobby" (long-since exploded by the black communities of Southall, Lambeth, Hackney and elsewhere), in order to return a verdict of 'unlawful killing'. Only with this verdict is there the slightest chance of bringing Blair Peach's murderer(s) to justice.

HPP WENT TO PRESS AFTER ALL THE EVIDENCE HAD BEEN PRESENTED, BUT BEFORE THE VERDICT WAS KNOWN.

Any Alternative Left?

Socialism In The Eighties:
Which Way Forward?

The disastrous experience of the Callaghan government has led to a new mood of questioning inside the Labour movement. Certainly people want to get rid of the Tories - but not just so that Sunny Jim can take up the torch of incomes policy and public spending cuts again.

So what alternative does the Left have? What do we mean by socialist policies, and how do we see them being accepted and implemented? What are the implications for working people's struggles against the Tory attack today? Is the Labour Party an adequate instrument for transforming society or do we need a new party? How can socialists of different persuasions work together more effectively without dissolving their own identity?

Some of these questions

were broached at last December's "What's Left In Hackney?" conference, sponsored by HPP, and again at the "Debate of the Decade" in March. They will be taken up further at a public forum this month organised by local supporters of the paper Socialist Challenge.

Apart from a member of the Socialist Challenge editorial board, invitations to speak have already been accepted by Ernie Roberts MP and the local Communist Party. The local Socialist Workers Party has also been invited, but has yet to reply.

The meeting has been set for Tuesday 10 June at 7.30. The probable venue is Northwold School in Northwold Rd, E5 (pending ILEA confirmation). Publicity material will shortly be available in Centerprise and elsewhere. For further details ring 359 8371 (day only) and ask for Martin.

Election

There will be a Council by-election in Rectory Ward, caused by the resignation of Susan Gorman because of other commitments.

Rectory has the reputation of having one of the more progressive Labour Party branches in Central Hackney (not perhaps a very difficult task) but it is also the ward where the Communist Party has traditionally polled its best results in Council elections. The CP candidate in 1978 picked up a respectable 10% of the poll.

Therefore the CP has decided that it would like to open discussions with local people about the by-election, and the possibility of fielding the candidate who will best reflect the wishes of the local electorate. They have organised a public meeting on Tuesday 3 June in the Family Centre, Rectory Road at 8pm, to which anyone interested is invited. More information from local branch secretary, Alan Macdougall, 806 1076.

Women's Aid Exhibition

Hackney Women's Aid is an organisation of local women set up to provide refuge for women who are battered by the men they live with. At the moment, we are preparing to open a new refuge and also a local advice centre.

This month, from 10-28 June, we will be holding an exhibition about violence against women in the home at Centerprise coffee bar, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8. A member of HWA will be there each weekday (Tues-Fri) from 10 am-12 noon to discuss the exhibition and to answer any questions.

On the same theme, we will be holding a meeting in Centerprise on Wednesday 18 June at 8 pm, to which all interested women are welcome.

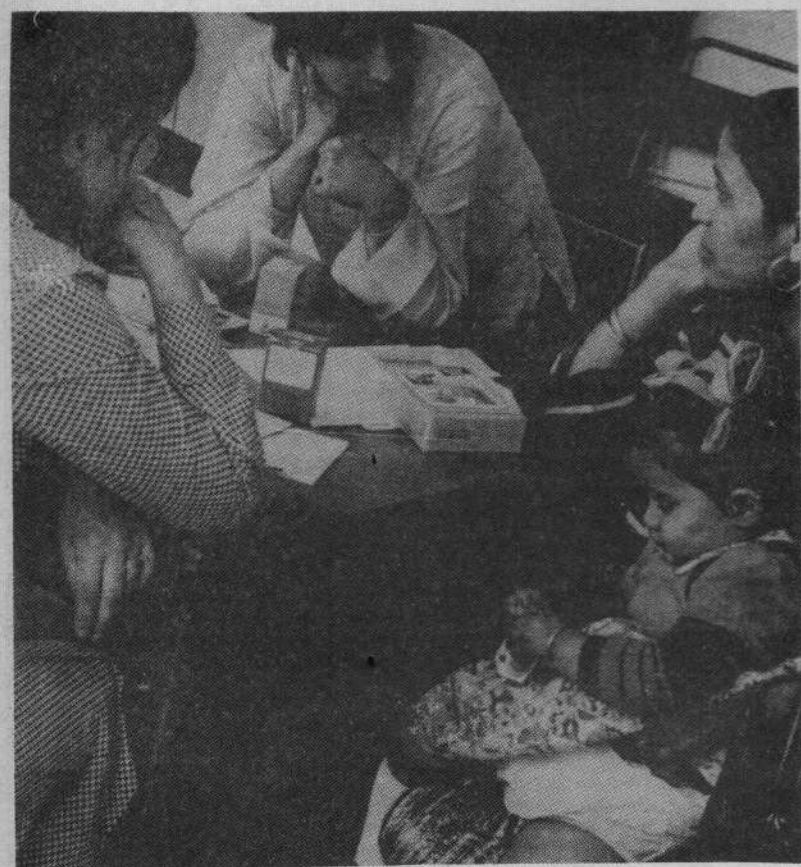
LETTERS

Dear HPP

Why are there no poems, songs, stories, memoirs, essays or any kind of literature written by locals in the average issue of HPP? I agree that political information takes priority, because it is important, but if we just think of politics till the liberation, there wouldn't be too much in people to liberate.

I know space is precious, so for a start make the political articles more literary. Why not? - metaphors don't cost. Colourful descriptions definitely pay...puce-eared administrators, crimson becheeked policemen, golden-hearted activists...?

Yours sincerely
Michael Abdsen



Women's Health

Do you suffer from tension or irritability before a period? Ever had Thrush or cystitis? Are you happy with the contraceptive you use? When a woman has a medical problem and goes to her doctor, she or he may or may not be sympathetic, and may or may not be able to help with the problem.

This month sees the start of a series of six talks on health issues for women. The aim of each talk will be to give basic information on problems most women face at some time in their lives. Each talk will be given by a woman with particular knowledge of the subject and the meetings will be an opportunity for women to share their experience of health problems and how they cope.

Organised by the City and Hackney Community Health Council and Hackney People in Partnership, the talks

are as follows:

9 June: Introductory discussion with video: How women relate to their doctors.

16 June: Cystitis, Thrush and related infections with Gill Yudkin (a local GP).

23 June: Pre-menstrual tension with Judy Lever (who has written a book on PMT) plus video.

30 June: Hormones and Contraception (speaker to be confirmed).

7 July: Compulsive Eating with Susie Orbach (whose ideas are in her book "Fat Is A Feminist Issue").

14 July: Pregnancy and Childbirth (speaker to be confirmed).

Each talk will be held at Shoreditch Health Centre, 210 Kingsland Road, E2 (entrance in Laburnum Street) at 7.30. Further details from the CHC, tel 739 6308.

'Excalibur' Club Axed

The National Front has abandoned its appeal against Hackney Council's closure of the "social club" on the third floor of its headquarters in Shoreditch, "Excalibur House". It has also decided to drop, for the moment, the planning application by a printing company, Leach-house Ltd, to set up a printing works on the ground floor of the converted warehouse.

The NF decision has been greeted with guarded enthusiasm inside Hackney Town Hall. The Council has been congratulating itself on the victory it scored in April in the first planning enquiry into the building. Now the Council is allowed to go ahead with the enforcement orders against the social club, as well as being allowed to stop the Front using the building as their headquarters.

There is also the matter of £4,000 rates which has been due to the Council since the beginning of the year. The internal bickering inside the Front means that it is unlikely that that is going to be paid for some time. Thus it will not be too long before the Council will have to decide whether to take further action against the NF Properties Ltd., who claim they own the building.

The Council is now seeking further evidence that the NF is still using the building as their headquarters. They know that both Martin Webster and Richard Verrall, senior Front leaders, still use the building regularly. Webster certainly sends letters to the press from there.

Council observers will be watching developments in Great Eastern Street very carefully over the next few weeks. They will also be present at the High Court battle when NF Properties Ltd and various other National Front nasties will slug it out over who actually controls the fascists' most tangible asset.



INSIDE LEFT

INSIDE LEFT is sorry to disappoint his many fans but he has been too busy this month to send us a despatch. However, he hopes to return in July with more tales of derring do from deep beneath the bowels of Mare Street. Watch this space...

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On the Right Track

In a flash I realised that the new Linkline service would be a quicker way to reach the West End than the No 30 bus. So would walking. But as I felt like using my 30p voucher which didn't appear in the Hackney Gazette until after the new stations had opened, I decided to take a train.

My first problem was to find the station. In a blaze of publicity, signs and fluorescent lights proclaiming "Hackney Central" had been put up all the way along both platforms. These are not easy to see from the road, but are certainly more visible than the station entrance which I expected to be within walking distance of the shops.

NO TICKET

Tripping over the fruit and vegetable stall on the corner of Amhurst Road, I found my way into an unmarked passage leading to the ticket office which was not yet finished and beyond to a garden shed occupied by a ticket clerk who couldn't sell tickets because she wouldn't have a safe until Thursday and she hadn't been given a ticket machine anyway.

Having been advised by this very helpful clerk that I must buy my through ticket to Kings Cross at Highbury & Islington, where I would change from the train which might arrive at any time because she had not been provided with a list of departures, I crossed to the other platform where the look-out man who was having a somewhat relaxed life looking out for trains that might not arrive anyway in order to protect the contractors who were working hard to fit together a canopy which was designed in such a way that it might be necessary to demolish part of the ticket office which isn't finished in order to complete the works was defending the end of the platform from an invasion of passengers attracted by British Rail's comprehensive publicity campaign.



The train arrived on time, and I sped to Highbury & Islington where the ticket collector refused to allow me through to the Victoria Line without any ticket at all and referred me to the excess ticket window of the booking office where I was unable to purchase a through ticket and the clerk didn't know the fare from Hackney Central anyway.

Things are changing. In the last week, a sign has appeared above the fruit and vegetable stall which does not exactly proclaim the words "Hackney Central". The clerks both here and at Hackney Wick have been issued with ticket machines. The lists of departure times, produced and distributed by the Hackney Public Transport Action Committee in the first week of operation, have not been supplemented by some genuine British Rail publicity, and Linkline timetables.

Otherwise, at the time of writing, garden sheds remain in use as temporary ticket offices at both stations. Through ticketing arrangements are still being sorted out. And the entrance to Hackney Central is still effectively obscured by the fruit and veg stall.

One wonders how many people are aware that they can now (in theory) buy through tickets to the Underground from Hackney's own stations, travelling either via the Victoria Line at Highbury & Islington or the Central Line at Stratford. Who knows that trains run three times an hour in the peak and twice an hour off-peak from Mondays to Fridays? Who cares that you can now reach Camden in 14 minutes from Hackney Central and 18 minutes from Hackney Wick? In fact, the service provides a very useful link both to Docklands and Stratford, and to Highbury, Camden and the North London Line. Since the new stations opened, trains appear to have been running reliably and there is every hope that the line will be well-used, once people know the stations exist.

BETTER SERVICES

If you believe that this rail service should not be treated in strictest confidence or if you are interested in more general campaigning for better bus and train services, then contact Hackney Public Transport Action Committee, 62 Glenarm Road, E5, or phone Tim Woods on 739 5137 (day).

PiP AGM Postponed

These are troubled days for Hackney People in Partnership, the umbrella group which is supposed to co-ordinate the community's response to the special partnership money which is given to Hackney and Islington by the government.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the end of April, and had to be adjourned with very little of the business completed after a rather acrimonious debate.

DIRECTION

The central theme of the meeting was the future direction of PiP. There were many accusations that PiP representatives were not properly briefed before they went to meetings with Council officers, that the Council listened to PiP when it chose to and ignored it the rest of the time, that PiP employees took decisions without consulting the support group, and were not impartial in dealings between various groups and between groups and the Council. These discussions had been brought to the fore by the episode of the stickers published by the Hackney Housing Action Group, which invited members of the public with housing problems to ring councillors on their home phone numbers. These had incensed Deputy Council Leader John Kotz, who had demanded to know who was responsible for their production. The names of various individuals and organisations were provided by PiP Information Officer Charles Clarke and he was called time and time again to defend his action on that day.

DISCONTENT

It is fair to say that this episode only crystallised the discontent felt by some groups with PiP. One member of the support group said afterwards that "some groups would be quite happy with PiP if they just dished out money". However, this is not the view of many people who wish to see PiP become something much more - a group which would challenge the whole way in which the Council treats community groups. It is obvious that, given its present structure and make-up, it is not going to do this.

ROLE OF PIP

Meanwhile, the AGM has been postponed until 1 July. Our next issue will contain a much longer analysis of the role of People in Partnership, how it has been treated and how it could be improved. We would welcome contributions for this feature. Please send them to us by Friday 20 June. Don't forget our new address - 85 Dalston Lane, E8.

RADIO ON

The aim of the East London Radio Campaign is to establish a community radio station to serve the east London area. Our intention is to broadcast to seven boroughs, which include Hackney, Haringey, Redbridge, Newham, Waltham Forest and Tower Hamlets. The station would broadcast seven days a week, with a minimum of 12 hours a day, hopefully more. We would need only a very low power transmitter, probably not more than 200 watts. This is considerably less than the existing stations in the London area, therefore there would not be any interference to other stations, whether they be local or continental.

REFRESHINGLY DIFFERENT

The programmes we hope to provide would be refreshingly different to those already available on BBC Radio London, the London Broadcasting Company (LBC) and Capital Radio. It is our opinion that these stations are regional rather than local stations. London is such a vast city that it is impossible to cater for the needs of the individual communities with these existing stations.

Although LBC provides a comprehensive national news service around the clock, it doesn't unfortunately feature local news events, other than travel information services. Capital Radio is useful to those people who like to listen to music for most of the day, but again, it doesn't have any local news other than travel information. On the other hand, Radio London tries to provide local services but due to the size of the city, it is impossible to include all the news and events which happen in the individual London boroughs.



Unlike these three stations, we hope to provide the following for east London. In our programmes, we would include local news for the seven boroughs, a small amount of national news on the hour, interviews with local personalities, local authors, musicians, representatives of community and voluntary groups, and any individual who is prominent in the news headlines. We would also have music, which would be played in between the various features. Some of the music would be on records and some would be live. We would also like to have local drama groups who could produce plays for us. There would also be a local guide to entertainment.

Local traders who at present cannot afford the astronomical figures demanded by the existing commercial stations would have a chance to advertise their products and services on a much smaller scale. They would put their message across to people who actually live in their area, and the advertising fee would be considerably less.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the east London Radio Campaign is open to all and costs £1 per year. This money is used mainly for postage costs. We issue a quarterly newsletter to keep you informed of our activities. We have been to see at least 24 members of parliament who have shown great interest in what we are trying to do.

INFORMATION

Car stickers, information sheets and details of membership can be obtained from the East London Radio Campaign at 9 Bignold Road, Forest Gate, London E7, or further information can be obtained on Rainham 22503.

MEDIA WINS THE DAY

Wednesday 14th May came and went, the press gave their 'analysis' and conveniently forgot about it. Nothing earth-shattering happened so, in their eyes, it was a 'flop'. Because the established media is presented as a true reflection of public opinion, this conclusion was accepted unthinkingly by millions of people.

So in the light of this propaganda, how can you assess the success of the Day of Action throughout the country?

Taking into account the massive offensive mounted by the media and the fact that for many people it is not easy to give up a day's pay, it is quite significant that tens of thousands of people all over Britain

turned out to demonstrate against the Tories.

Considering that Hackney is one of the boroughs which has suffered the worst of the government's policies - in both public and private sectors - the assembly outside the Town Hall did seem rather disappointing, to say the least.

Secretary of Hackney NUPE, John Chalkley claimed to be quite surprised at the number of people on the march, although he admitted that most of the services in the borough were running, and council manual workers had voted to carry on working on the day.

Support for the 'strike' was patchy, and varied between the services. Most of the borough's schools were closed through the action of caretakers, and those that were open were shut down in the afternoon when teachers joined the demonstration.

The reaction among the technical and highways staff was not so strong; only 15 out of 200 dustmen took the day off. However, as many as 150 home helps chose not to go to work. All in all, John



At least the sun shone on those in Victoria Park while (below left) kids made themselves badges at one of the many stalls.

Chalkley estimated that about 500 out of a possible 3000 council workers supported the Day of Action.

Before May 14th John Chalkley told HPP that a lot of his members would have preferred to take a week's action, and did not think that a day's strike would achieve anything. He did criticise the TUC leadership for lack of organisation.

"What we've got to do now", he said, "is to start linking the Tory Government with what is happening in Hackney". He believed union branches should concentrate principally on action within their own boroughs, linking in with other groups.

Also disappointing was the decision of local NALGO members not to support the Day of Action. Joe Noble, Secretary of Hackney

NALGO, thought that considering the massive media campaign, the day was "moderately successful". He did point out however, the problems of lack of effective TUC leadership and the underestimation of the strength of support for the Tories.

He believed that future campaigns should concentrate on putting forward positive alternative economic strategies, rather than just attacking the Government. One of his ideas was to mobilise people into "cleaning up the borough" to show what could be done, but just what that would achieve is difficult to assess.

The Day of Action was effective in a number of ways. It did prove that the TUC is capable of organising a nationwide demonstration in opposition to the Tories' policies. It also proved that for such a demonstration to be effective the TUC and labour movement must acknowledge the extent of the Government's control of the media, and their own failing to get across to the mass of people the alternative arguments. This education should not only be confined to the workplace; what is needed is a radical alternative to the established press.

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HACKNEY FIGHTBACK CONFERENCE Hackney Trades Council,
6 Geldeston Road, N.16.

Defending The Sick Welfare State

Hackney Fightback, set up by the Trades Council last year, is holding an open anti-cuts conference on 28 June at Clissold Park School. It has the support and co-operation of the three local constituency Labour parties.

The Welfare State in Hackney is currently being dismantled at an alarming rate with a succession of savage cutbacks having come from both Labour and Tory governments.

HEALTH: St Leonard's has lost four surgical wards, with its casualty service closed to ambulances and at night. Casualty has been kept open at day due only to successful resistance by hospital workers and campaigners. (It can be done!) Barts has lost over 100 beds and has one cancer ward surviving only on charity funding. Increasingly early discharges throw more burdens on the patient's family. Family Planning Clinics are being closed. Nurseries are at risk.

EDUCATION: schools are being merged - a euphemism for the reduction of hundreds of pupil places and therefore teacher redundancies in the near future. ILEA, which redistributes some much-needed funding Hackney's way, is under threat. Local further

education at Hackney College is being reduced by 20 per cent.

EMPLOYMENT: hundreds of council jobs have been axed, with more to go and an 11 per cent freeze on vacancies. The gloomy list is endless and this wholesale slaughter of desperately needed services is being brought to you at a cost of 49 per cent rates rise, 25 per cent rent rise and over 20 per cent inflation.

Organised resistance in Hackney has been episodic and uneven with few hard-won successes. The immediate political need is for an organisational focus that can co-ordinate the different campaigns and build a broad supporting movement to generalise isolated sectoral struggles. Hackney Fightback has not so far, but could provide such a focus.

It has invited the Council leadership to participate in the conference, explain its position and lead a political fight against the Tory policies. So far, invitations to attend planning meetings have not been taken up. Permission to use the Town Hall for the conference has been refused.

However, Hackney's problems aren't caused in Hackney and can't be solved on a Hackney basis. For example,

more money is paid in interest charges to the City banks than is collected in rates. The solution can only come from an alliance of militant Labour councils leading a mass political struggle against central Government policies and funding. The conference provides the opportunity for Hackney Trade Unions, action campaigns, community organisations and all interested individuals to begin the drawing up of an overall plan for Hackney's social needs and to go on the offensive for better services and facilities under local control. Hackney is at the top of the deprivation league, but near the bottom of the Labour militancy league. So far, rhetorical Tory-bashing has served Labour councils as a cover for admistering Callaghan's and Thatcher's vicious anti-working class policies. Neither Tory-bashing nor Council bashing is enough and the conference aims to find a constructive way forward. The struggles in Lambeth and Hounslow show the way.

Will the Council leadership participate in the conference? Will they lead the political struggle needed? Don't hold your breath, but come along to Clissold Park School, N16 on 28 June to find out.

Poised On A Nuclear Abyss



Last April, amid the growing storm of political aggression that is blowing up all over the world, a still small voice of protest was heard at the World Disarmament Campaign's national Peace Convention.

The emergence throughout the capitalist world of right-wing, hawk-minded governments has led to any prospect of detente being thrown out of the window in favour of re-armament (which is far more profitable in their eyes). In this climate, the threat of nuclear war is becoming more

of a possibility. And don't be fooled by government propaganda: atomic war would mean global holocaust with no 'winners'.

In the face of this polarisation of world opinion several bodies, including labour movement and trades union groups, have seriously begun to discuss the issue of the nuclear arms race. Among those attending the Peace Convention, organised by the European Nuclear Disarmament campaign (END), was KAY BEAUCHAMP, representative from Hackney Trades Council.

He was thanked for his speech by a 14 year old black British girl, and also by a 12 year old Japanese girl whose uncle was killed when the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. The members of her family are still suffering from the effects of the explosion.

100m. DEATHS...

The inconceivable cost of constructing and stockpiling nuclear and other weapons was one of the points of discussion. One speaker pointed out that the arms race costs the world \$45 billions a year - or put another way, one million dollars a minute. A cut of just 3% in armament spending would provide for the feeding for one year of millions of starving people in the Third World.

Instead, governments prefer to spend on instant destruction. A message from UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim confirmed that in a nuclear war up to 100 million people would die instantly.

Nuclear weapons are not the only threat. Despite world agreements to ban the development of chemical and bacteriological warfare, several countries are still going ahead with research into these areas. Elizabeth Sigmund M.S., a chemist, described in horrifying detail the work going on to perfect weapons for chemical warfare.

Although there were so many delegates from a great variety of organisations, the number of delegates from the trade unions and labour movement - although good -

was considerably less than it could have been. This was due to weakness in the Convention's preparation and the reliance on the attraction of a platform consisting of outstanding national figures. The most impressive speaker from the trade unionist organisations was A.J. Master, from the Scottish TUC, who emphasised that his Congress would be discussing peace and disarmament this year. A delegate from the Birmingham Trades Council called attention to the absence of MPs and the weakness of the trades union representation; but without access to a detailed credentials report, this assertion could not be judged accurately.

...\$m. PROFIT

One of the most outstanding speeches was made by Professor Michael Pentz, Dean of the Faculty of Science at the Open University. He was one of the few people to refer to the differences between the USA and the USSR in their commitment to armament. He pointed out that although there are similarities, an extremely important difference lies in the economic implications of a very large military budget for a capitalist country like the USA and for a socialist

country like the USSR. "In the USA, arms business is good business for a politically powerful group", he said. "Large profits can be made at low risk and at the taxpayers' expense. In a socialist country like the Soviet Union, arms budgets obstruct much needed social and economic developments and benefit no-one."

He dealt with the complexity of modern weapons of destruction and argued that the nuclear arms race is leading us to a rapidly increasing risk of all-out nuclear war in which there would be few - if any - survivors anywhere in the world. He declared: "the world stands on the brink of the final abyss. Let us resolve to take all possible political steps to see that we don't through our own folly go over the edge".

The solution, as Professor Pentz points out, lies in our own hands; although, he admits that we have left it very late to attempt a solution. This may not appear to be a very optimistic conclusion, but unless we realise the dangers and get thousands of others to recognise them as well, we will never succeed in preventing a war which would claim as its first casualties the whole of the people in this country.

Two and a half thousand people filled the Central Hall, Westminster on Saturday 12th April, to attend the Peace Convention. The turnout was so good that the conference has been described as the "biggest peace gathering for over 20 years".

The aims of the Conference, summarised under the slogans 'Welfare not Warfare' and 'World Disarmament', were as follows:

1. to prepare for a great international convention next summer in the biggest ever sports hall available anywhere in the world;

2. to collect one billion signatures on petition calling for world-wide disarmament. (As Fenner Brockway pointed out the Japanese trade unions have already collected 25 million signatures);

3. to support the 149 governments which have committed themselves to working for the ending of all tests, stopping of the production of weapons of destruction, destroying all stocks and transferring of the money to

promoting human welfare;

4. all these activities will lead up to the recall of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament in 1982;

5. in order to assist in the achievement of these aims it is hoped that local committees on the most representative basis will be set up in the localities.

Several speakers, consisting of scientists, trades union representatives and church leaders, put forward their arguments against nuclear escalation. The speech which gave rise to the greatest publicity in the media was that of Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of the Catholic Church in this country. He said that war came about because of fear and suspicion and added, rather patronisingly, that although the USSR is "godless, it isn't totally devoid of humanity, and it should be possible to talk to Russians". As a Christian, he deplored the fact that we spend twenty times more on death than on life and concluded: "It is indeed a mad, mad world".

COMING SOON...

The occurrence of Gay Pride Week during June has not gone unnoticed at the Rio, which is holding an eight-day season of films on related topics as well as live music. Without doubt the highlight of this programme is the screening of Derek Jarman's new film "The Tempest" preceded by his earlier works "Jubilee" and "Sebastiane" and followed by a talk by Jarman himself about the film and its making.

"The Tempest" has proved a major critical success with its audacious and refreshing adaptation of Shakespeare to the screen. Without altering the actual language, Jarman has never the less cut as much as half the original lines from the text, but this paring down tends to expose and strengthen the plot rather than leaving the narrative disjointed.

Instead of Shakespeare's allegorical island Jarman has used the crumbling mysterious interior of Stoneleigh Abbey in Warwickshire as a setting plus a

few exterior shots of Bamburgh Castle in Northumberland for the scenes on the shoreline.

The appearance of the characters is equally striking, ranging from Toyah Willcox's dreadlocked, cobwebbed Miranda to Karl Johnson's clean-cut, ear-ringed Ariel in a white boiler suit. The imaginative use of both wardrobe and location belies the film's low budget, achieving greater effect than many epics. Altogether the production is the most inventive screen reworking of Shakespeare British cinema has ever produced, and one of the few to leave behind entirely the awkwardness of transition from the stage. The screening will be a Ginger Beer House benefit.

Other notable features of the week-long programme include Don Pennebaker's "Town Bloody Hall" a public debate which proves to be an extremely acrimonious confrontation between members of the Women's Movement (including Germaine Greer)

and pugnacious chauvinist Norman Mailer. Also worth seeing, if you haven't already, is Sidney Lumet's quirky, tragi-comic study of Al Pacino as a gay would-be bank-robber, "Dog Day Afternoon", where he attempts to raise the money for a friend's sex-change operation.

Elsewhere the Konak kicks off the month with "The Wanderers" and the Mayfaire with "Way of the Dragon", while both, alas, have resurrected John Travolta for the second week of June with a double-bill of "Grease" and "Saturday Night Fever".

The Rio's main programme starts with "The Rose" (reviewed previously) in which Bette Midler as a Joplinsque rock star disintegrates spectacularly before packed auditoriums, while Aland Bates as her manager struggles desperately to wheel her out for one more show, and keeps the money flowing in by doing so, until... John Skinner.

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JUNE PROGRAMME

Sun 1	BLUE ANGEL + PANDORA'S BOX	2.30
Mon 2	THE ROSE + DREAM GOAL	Sat 4.50
For 6 days		7.45
Fri 6	LEGEND OF THE 7 GOLDEN VAMPIRES + LIGHTNING SWORDS OF DEATH	11.15
Sat 7	EAST OF EDEN + REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE	11.15
Sun 8	ASIAN PROGRAMME	1.00
Mon 9	YANKS + TERMINUS	Sat 4.05
For 6 days		7.25
Fri 13	WILD BUNCH + RIDE BEYOND VENGEANCE	11.15
Sat 14	ON THE WATERFRONT + THE WILD ONE	11.15
Sun 15	ASIAN PROGRAMME	1.00
Mon 16	WESTFRONT + SECRETS OF A SOUL	7.30
For 2 days		
Wed 18	BRIEF ENCOUNTER + THE THIRD MAN	3.30, 7.30
Thurs 19	THEATRO TECHNIS (Greek Language)	6.00
	DUSTBIN MAN	9.00
Fri 20	SHORTS - Gay Women 1 and 2	6.30, 8.45
	THE RITZ + SEX MADNESS	11.15
Sat 21	ASPECTS OF GAY MALE SEXUALITY	2.00
	SEBASTIANE + JUBILEE	5.00
	THE TEMPEST	8.30
	BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE DOLLS + MYRA BRECKENRIDGE	11.15
Sun 22	ASIAN FILM PROGRAMME	1.00
Mon 23	WORD IS OUT + COMEDY IN 6 UNNATURAL ACTS	6.30
	GEMMA BENEFIT	9.45
Tues 24	FORTUNE AND MEN'S EYES	5.15, 7.05
	NIGHTHAWKS	9.00
Wed 25	ARMY OF LOVERS/COME TOGETHER etc	7.00
	FRIEND BENEFIT	9.45
Thurs 26	CHRISTINE JORGENSEN STORY	8.00
	GLEN OR GLENDA?	6.45
	GAY SWITCHBOARD BENEFIT	9.45
Fri 27	TOWN BLOODY HALL	6.00, 9.15
	IF YOU SEE THIS, REMEMBER ME	7.35
	LESBIAN LINE BENEFIT	11.15
Sat 28	THE BEST WAY TO WALK + THE QUEENS	2.15
	DOG DAY AFTERNOON + GAY MEN SPEAK	5.15
	WITCHES AND FAGGOTS, POFTAS & DYKES	8.00
	ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE	9.00
	E LONDON GLF/GAY TEENAGE BENEFIT	11.15
Sun 29	ASIAN FILM PROGRAMME	1.00

HACKNEY PAPER KIDS JUNE

Tokes

Why does a dog turn round?
Cause it's a watch dog

What's the cleanest programme on T.V.
Soap.

What do you call a camel with three humps?
Humpthree.

Why did the elephant paint his soles?
To stand upside down in the custard.

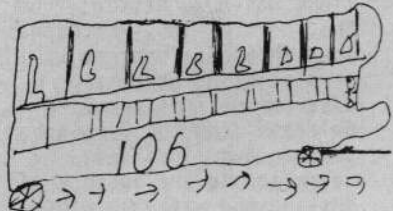
School 5

I go to Dalston Mount school. I am in the first year. Dalston Mount is a rubbish school. I warn you not to go there.

My friends Lorna Ayton, Maureen, Tassell, Debbie Samuel all say we are the worst class. The dinners in Dalston Mount are rubbish and so are the teachers. Don't go Dalston Mount.
Selena Scottow.

My name is Allison. I go to Princess May School. The school is on Princess May Road, N.16. My teacher is Miss Anaman. She is kind to me sometimes. We do art. I have one dog and two cats, nad I have a lot of frineds.

WHERE MY MUM WORKS



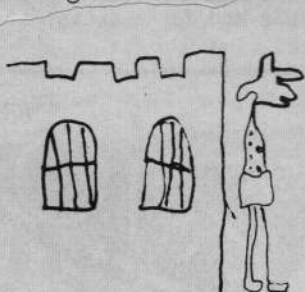
My Mum works at Tottenham garage. She is a conductress. She works on the 106 bus. My Mum works on a double decker bus. My Mum thinks the job is very good. My mum thinks it gives you a lot of exercise by walking up and downstairs. It is very tiring but good



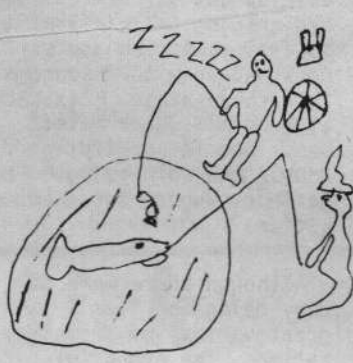
SUMMER FESTIVALS HERE AGAIN SOON
MAKE SURE YOU GO TO ONE!!

HEIGA THE HORRIBLE GOES FISHING

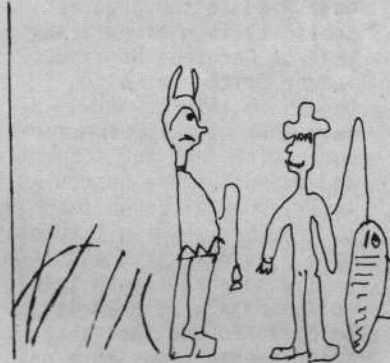
Helga the Horribal



"Want to go fishing?"
"Alright"

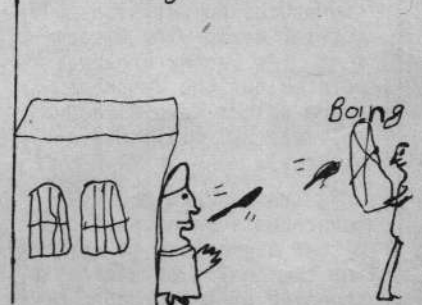


"Hey come over here, I've a whopper
Look I've got a big fish, what are you sad for?"



Wouldn't you be?
Oh, I see!
The misses said that if I came home wiht anything I'll get something and this ain't much.

When Helga got in shewas soon out again



Help !! Stop !!!
"Go back to the pond and brigg back a big fish . DO NOT COME IN UNTIL YOU DO.

CALLING ALL HACKNEY KIDS!

If you would like to write something yourself for the kids page or draw a cartoon come along to CENTERPRISE at 136 Kingsland High Street - Fridays at 5.00

information

All listings on this page are inserted absolutely FREE.

The information on this page has been revised and up-dated, but we would welcome any further corrections or additions. For the July issue please send them to us by Friday 20 June. Our address is HPP, 85 Dalston Lane, E8.

Community, Tenants and Pensioners Groups

HACKNEY PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION
34 Dalston Lane, E8
Advice service on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10.30 to 4pm. Tea Bar Monday to Friday 10.30 to 4pm.

TASK FORCE
34 Dalston Lane, E8. Tel. 254 1620
Free advice for pensioners in Hackney. Odd jobs and visits in N16 and N4 only. Pensioners' activities and neighbourhood care in N5.

HACKNEY ASSOCIATION FOR WELFARE OF OLD PEOPLE
22 Dalston Lane, E8. Tel. 254 0715

HARAMBEE 2 PROJECT
74 Downham Road N1.
Social and advice centre, aimed particularly at black people.
Tuesday 10am-10pm
Thursday 10am-4.30pm
Friday 10am-10pm

OFF CENTRE
25 Hackney Grove, E8. Tel. 985 8566
Advice for young people between 13 and 25 with any problems.
Monday-Friday 10am-6pm (open until 8.30pm on Thursdays).

FRIENDS ANONYMOUS SERVICE
Friendship House, 27 Hackney Grove, E8.
24 hour telephone service with people always willing to listen and act.
986 2233 (24 hours)
985 0973 (office hours)
986 9146 (office hours)

FEDERATION OF HACKNEY TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS
Represents Borough, GLC, housing assocn and private tenants.
Contact Terry Robinson, 380 Old St, EC1. 739 3631.

HACKNEY HOUSING ACTION GROUP
contact 249 2281 or 249 8715.

ACORN TENANTS ASSOCIATION
Represents New Islington & Hackney Housing Assocn tenants.
Contact Terry Robinson. 739 3631

Ecology

HACKNEY FRIENDS OF THE EARTH
Active group, campaigning on safe energy, bikes, wildlife, recycling etc. Contact Jim Read, 67 Fairholt Road, N16. 802 0122.

HACKNEY ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP
Open to all those wishing to combat nuclear power.
Meets every other Thursday in Centerprise. Contact 226 1799

SUN POWER ECOLOGY CENTRE
83, Blackstock Road, N.4.
Bookshop specialises in the environment, cooking, health, education, childrens' books; also crafts and some wholefoods. 01 226 1799

HACKNEY SOCIETY

An amenity group, affiliated to the Civic Trust, concerned with Hackney's environment and architecture. Meets on the third Monday of each month.
Details from Chairman, David Batchelor, Tel. 985 7937 or Secretary, Robert Hill, 75 Glyn Road E5 Tel. 986 8761.

Women

HACKNEY SOCIALIST FEMINIST GROUP
Meet alternate Mondays at the Factory, Matthias Road, N 16, at 7.30pm. Contact Pat 254 5821 or Harriet 254 6208.

RAPE CRISIS CENTRE
Tel. 340 6145. 24 hour information and advice.

HACKNEY ABORTION CAMPAIGN
Meetings fortnightly at 20 Parkholme Road, E8. Contact 249 3768 for details.

HACKNEY COMMUNIST PARTY WOMEN'S GROUP

Meets monthly - talks, films, activities. For information phone Nathalie 254 9508.

OFF CENTRE

Drop-in centre for Young Unemployed.

Free snacks, use of telephones and newspapers. A meeting place for the young unemployed.

Off Centre Basement.
25 Hackney Grove, E8.
986 4016.

Community Centres

CENTERPRISE
136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Tel. 254 9632.
Bookshop and office hours:
Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6.30pm.
Coffee bar and meeting room hours:
Tuesday-Friday 10am-9.30pm.
Saturday 10am-5.30pm.
FACILITIES:
Coffee bar; bookshop; advice, information and contacts for individuals and groups. Typewriters can be used free, duplicating at cost price. Ask in General Office.
ADVICE CENTRE:
Legal and welfare advice session on Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm.
READING CENTRE:
For adults who find it hard to read or write. Contact Sue Shrapnel or ring 254 9635.
PUBLISHING PROJECT:
Publishing books by people who live in Hackney.

WALLY FOSTER CENTRE
Homerton Road, E9. Tel. 985 3972.
Community Centre with many activities:
SOCIAL SERVICES ADVICE CENTRE: every weekday 9am-5pm.
ADULT LITERACY CLASSES:
Every Monday at 7pm.
Also playgroup, mothers and toddlers group, pensioners lunch club, school welfare advice, youth club for 5-8 year olds, Kung Fu and juvenile dance classes.
See also **ADVICE** and **NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGLISH** CLASSES listings.

THE FACTORY
107 Matthias Road, N16 (next to Newington Green School). Tel. 249 3066.
Runs mothers and toddlers clubs, sewing classes, English classes, youth club, childminders drop-in group (creche provided), after school club, arts and crafts club, pensioners lunch club, food co-op and an Indian dance class.
Contact them for further details.

THE FAMILY CENTRE
50 Rectory Road, N16. Tel. 249 8334.
Information and help for all community problems. Cooking, washing, creche facilities.
Mothers and toddlers group on Thursdays, 1.30-3.30pm (homeworkers especially welcome).
"Encourage your child to read" class on Mondays, 5.30-7.30pm. Supplementary school now operating. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Contact them for further information.
Also see **ADVICE** and **Neighbourhood English** Classes and **Gingerbread** under **COMMUNITY GROUPS** listings on this page.

HOXTON HALL
128a Hoxton Street, N1. Tel. 739 5431.
Runs playgroup, pensioners lunch club, legal advice centre, after-school junior club and writers' workshop as well as evening classes in shoe repairing, dressmaking, pottery, crafts, old-time dancing and singing. Also Women's Discussion Group and the Hoxton Drama Group.
Many events take place in the theatre each month—see the **EVENTS AND MEETINGS** section. Also see **ADVICE** listing.

CHATS PALACE
42-44 Brooksby's Walk, E9.
986 6714. Meeting space, bar for club members, duplicating, workshop, clubs, classes, jazz, music hall, supplementary school, youth activities, hall for hire.

Education

ADULT LITERACY SCHEMES

For details of adult literacy courses in your area contact:

Carol Morris, BETHNAL GREEN AE1, 229 Bethnal Green Road, E2. 739 7790.

Donald Kenrick, CLAPTON AE1, Brooke House, Kenninghall Road, E5. 985 9646.

Graham Morris, HACKNEY COLLEGE, 249 7221.

June Hewes, HACKNEY LIBRARIES, Shoreditch Library, Pittfield Street, N1. 739 5153.

Sue Shrapnel, HACKNEY READING CENTRE, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8. 254 9635.

Cal Weatherall, Highbury Manor AE1, Jack Ashley School, Blackstock Road, N4 226 9190.

John Rake, HOXTON HALL, 128a Hoxton Street, N1. 739 5431.

HACKNEY LANGUAGE SCHEME
Teach the kind of English needed in day-to-day life. Classes operate throughout Hackney. For further information contact Annette Giles, 249 1496, or call at the Family Centre, Rectory Road, N16 on Thursday mornings.

Meditation

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION

Partnership for Progress in Hackney: regular introductory talks. Ring 254 6280 for details.

ANANDA MARGA
1 Cazenove Road, N16.

For spiritual progress and social change.
Meditation classes for men Wednesday 8.00pm
Meditation classes for women Tuesday 8.00pm and Wednesday 2.00pm.
Sewing class Tuesday 7.00pm.

Advice

Free legal advice on housing, landlord and tenant, employment, social security, welfare, matrimonial, immigration and discrimination problems can be obtained from the following centres:

CENTERPRISE
136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Tel. 254 9632.
THURSDAYS 6.30-7.30pm.

HOXTON HALL
128a Hoxton Street, N1. Tel. 739 5431.
WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm.

KINGSMEAD
Wally Foster Centre, Homerton High Street, E9. Tel. 985 3804.
TUESDAYS 7-8pm.

STOKE NEWINGTON ADVICE GROUP SERVICE.
102 Manor Road, N16. Tel. 800 37/0.
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm.

ALLEN ROAD
12 Allen Road, N16.
THURSDAYS 7-8pm.

Advice can also be obtained from:

HACKNEY ADVICE BUREAU & LAW CENTRE
236-8 Mare Street, E8. Tel. 986 8446.
Open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm (7.30 on Thursdays).
Legal aid and advice on housing, rents, repairs and employment problems.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
1-11 Hoxton Street, N1. Tel. 739 4654.
106 Old Street, EC1. Tel. 253 2155.

HACKNEY COUNCIL FOR RACIAL EQUALITY. 245 Mare St, E8.
TUESDAYS 7-8.30pm.
Immigration, discrimination, housing law and other problems. 986 4121.

THE FAMILY CENTRE
50 Rectory Road, N16. Tel. 249 8334.
Information and help in all community problems. Cooking, washing, creche facilities. Open all day.

HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE
302-4 Mare Street, E8. Tel. 986 8123.
Helps with all housing problems. Repairs, rebates, landlord/tenant, council/tenant.

HACKNEY CENTRAL INFORMATION BUREAU
Town Hall, Mare Street, E8. Tel. 986 3123.

HACKNEY NORTH LABOUR PARTY ADVICE CENTRE
5 Stamford Hill, N16.
Advice and information on legal, financial, welfare, housing, social security and personal problems.
FRIDAYS 7-8pm.

RECTORY HOUSING AND WELFARE ADVICE CENTRE
Family Centre, 50 Rectory Road, N16.
Help with housing, employment, health and social security and community and race relations problems.
SUNDAYS 10.30am-12.00 noon.

Advice can also be obtained from **HARAMBEE 2 PROJECT, OFF CENTRE** and **FRIENDS ANONYMOUS**. See Community Groups listing on this page.

For MPs and councillors Advice surgeries see **LABOUR PARTY** under **POLITICAL GROUPS** listing on this page.

Arrested? Helping enquiries? Evicted?
EMERGENCY LEGAL SERVICE
Ring 986 9891. 24 hour free legal service from 6pm Friday over whole weekend.

Workshops

THE WORKSHOP
81 Lenthall Road, E8. Tel. 254 3082.
Print your own posters and T-shirts. Cost of materials only. Open by arrangement.

COMET WORKSHOP
Halcomb Street, N1. Tel. 729 0936.
Learn sewing, macrame, toy-making, woodwork. Creche available, toy library. Tea and coffee. Open every weekday.

WORKSHOP
77a, Lauriston Road, E.9.
01 986 9585 Open 10.00 - 6.00 Mon. - Sat.
Pottery workshop and shop selling ceramics and pottery handmade in the workshop. Also Macrame plant hangers, jewelry, cards and other crafts.

Gays

GAY SWITCHBOARD
Tel. 837 7324. 24 hour information and advice.

EAST LONDON CHE (Campaign for Homosexual Equality)
East London CHE welcomes gay women and men. For details phone John, 504 1110 or Kate, 539 2331.

GEMMA
Gemma Group for Disabled Lesbians, including older women. Contact BM Box 5700, London WC1V 6XX.

Transport

HACKNEY PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACTION COMMITTEE
Meets regularly to discuss how to improve public transport in Hackney. Contact Tony Jacobs, 3 Hockley House, Morning Lane, E9. Tel. 986 2303.

HACKNEY CYCLISTS ACTION GROUP
Contact Tessa Bain, 10 Kynaston Road, N16. 254 4559



Health

CITY AND HACKNEY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL
Shoreditch Health Centre, 210 Kingsland Road, E2. Tel. 739 6308/8351.
The public's voice in the NHS—provides advice, takes up your complaints and criticisms. Open meeting on 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm. Publishes **HEALTH IN HACKNEY**: a comprehensive FREE guide to health facilities and services in the area.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN HACKNEY
Advice, ideas, information. Trying to contact all families in district with a handicapped child. Contact Ann Pardon, 48 Mount Pleasant Lane, E5. Tel. 808 8438.

Volunteers needed at: Huddleston Centre, St James the Great Church, Lower Clapton Rd. E.5. 01 985 8869.

THE BIRTH CENTRE
188 Old Street, EC1. Tel. 251 4076.
Information, advice, lectures and seminars on birth at home and in hospital. Open evening every Wednesday 8pm. 25p.

EAST LONDON WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP
c/o 116 Albion Drive, E8.

STOKE NEWINGTON HEALTH GROUP
Local people interested in all matters concerned with health. Contact Alan Clarke, 21 Kynaston Road, N16. 254 3277.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION
188 Old Street, EC1. 251 4076.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL CAMPAIGN

Hackney & District branch.
Meets at John Scott Health Centre, Green Lanes, N4.
Contact Rose McNulty 800 3108 (evenings) or Hilda Burd 800 2124 (anytime).

Children

HACKNEY UNDER FIVES
136 Kingsland High Street, E8.

Information and support for parents with children under school age. Stores open on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Open monthly meetings on 3rd Tuesday of each month. Tel 254 9145.

HACKNEY PLAY ASSOCIATION
136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Tel. 254 9145.
Information, advice and help to people organising play facilities for children. Contact Lilian McPettridge

CHILD-CARE BULLETIN COLLECTIVE
112b Forest Road E8.
Publishes bulletins and pamphlets about child care and related topics. Collective is open to anyone interested. Contact 226 0817 or 254 2227 for details of next meeting—with creche.

Food

TOWARDS JUPITER
191 Mare Street E8. 985 5394
Wholefood shop also selling books and crafts.
FOOD FOR ALL
3 Cazenove Road, N16. Tel. 806 4138.
Wholefood shop, also selling books and crafts.

SHANTI VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT
1 Cazenove Road, N16

Vegetarian meals.
Wed, Thurs and Fri 7.00-9.00pm.
Sat 12.00-2.00pm.
Full vegetarian meal 65p.

Vegetarian cookery classes:
Wed 5.30pm and Sat 10.30am.

Music

POETRY AND MUSIC CLUB
The Chatterbox, 1a, Chatterton Rd, (off Blackstock Rd.) Finsbury Park, N.4.
Weds. 8.00 - 11.00 p.m.
All welcome. 20p admission. Performers free.

ISLINGTON & HACKNEY MUSIC WORKSHOP
Sing-song third Thursday every month. 8pm. Free.
Ring Dave 249 0025.

HOME GROWN MUSIC
Chats Palace every Thursday at 8.00pm. 50p admission. Floor singers should contact John Lockhart on 986 6714.

HACKNEY CHESS CLUB
Weds. 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Fri. 7.30pm - 10.00pm
Centerprise Daily
Tues. - Sat.
For any information contact T. Wilson, 135, Manor Road, N16 5PB.

Summer in the City

Fairs, festivals, fetes and carnivals - with at least 15 in Hackney between now and August, we can look forward to a fun-packed summer with never a dull weekend. If the sun shines on all of them we are in for a real hot time.

Plans are now well under way for the London Fields and Broadway Market Festivals to be held on the afternoon of Saturday 12th July at London Fields. The festival will start with a carnival procession, followed by a wide range of activities and stalls, finishing with a discotheque in the evening at Gayhurst School. The theme of the festival will be "A Day at the Races".

On the same weekend the Shoreditch Festival will be held at the Green, Shoreditch Park, Bridport Place, N.1. If you are worried about the difficulty of making the choice between festivals don't worry, because this festival lasts for two days. The theme is "Everyone A Winner". Other events are also being planned to take place during the two weeks leading up to the festival. These include street bands, theatre, workshop activities and socials.

The Hackney Marsh Fun Festival is happening on 19th and 20th July and will transport you back to the days when Homerton was a village and Kingsmead a meadow. So if you want to experience the delights of a village fete in the middle of London then go along to the biggest picnic of the summer.

Again, there will be a carnival procession through



Everyone
A
Winner

the streets, with prizes for the best float, and a special prize for the best use of music during the procession - whether it's a band on the back of a lorry or massed masqueraders playing kazoos.

The organisers of these and the other Hackney festivals are asking for help and support. If you want to help with stalls, fund-raising, publicity, transport or anything else then get in touch.

7th June
Hackney Town Show, Clissold Park. Contact Larrie Fulton, 985 0961.

14th June
Feat Fete, Well Street Common. Contact Mike Giddings, 985 4901.

21st June
St Leonard's Fete in Hospital grounds. Contact St Anne's Hall, 729 3361.

28th June
De Beauvoir Carnival. Contact Mary Cannon, 249 1729.

5th July
Upton House School Multi-Ethic Event.

5th July
Barnabas Summer Fair, Stoke Newington. Contact Father Preston, St Paul's Church.

6th July
Newington Green Festival. Contact Ian Stuart, Islington Social Services.

12th/13th July
Shoreditch Festival. Contact Jim Ives, 729 3361. Festival

committee meetings held every other Tuesday from 26th May at 7.30pm, Shoreditch Town Hall.

12th July
London Fields Festival. Contact Carol Tilbury 254 4115 or Tim 985 7400. Open meetings are being held at the All Nations Club, Martello Street, E8 on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm.

12th July
Woodberry Down Fete. Contact Helen Kendall 806 5817.

19th/20th July
Stoke Newington Common Festival. Contact Helen Rhagnall 802 3426.

19th/20th July
Hackney Marsh Fun Festival. Contact Brian Walker 986 4164 or Alan Rossiter at Chats Palace, 986 6714.

26th July
Lea View Estate Summer Fair. Contact Jack Davidson 986 5082.

2nd August
Haggerston Community Festival. Contact Les Mills 254 1107.

16th August
Holly Street Festival. Contact Gordon Theobald 249 6476.

There will be a Hackney People's Press stall at many of these festivals. We look forward to seeing you!



SMALL ADS

ADVERTISE IN YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER!

If you are thinking of selling your bike, stereo, pet fish or indoor swimming pool HPP could work for you! For a meagre 3p a word the columns are yours. Ads must be pre-paid. Cheques or postal orders to Hackney People's Press, 85 Dalston Lane, E8.

Ads for the July issue must be received by Friday 20 June.

FOR SALE: b/w portable TV; small inexpensive stereo; used bike; classical guitar. Contact Louis Cantor, 47 Sandbrook Road, N16, tel 249 1136.

FOR SALE: Boosey & Hawkes clarinet, excellent condition. Contact: Kit Opie, tel. 806 5554, after 6pm.

Easy-going socialist wants pad, Hackney area, cheap. Phone Harlow 418847

WANTED. Cheap flash umbrella for photography. Phone Chris 254 1306.

FREE TO GOOD HOME. Gas fridge. Must be collected from Trojan Printing, 85 Dalston Lane, E8. 11am-7pm.

What's on in Hackney

CHATS PALACE
42 Brooksbys Walk, E9.

Friday 6 June: Hackney Music Co-op, 8 pm.
Saturday 7 June: Jumble sale at 2 pm, Music Hall at 8 pm.
Sunday 8 June: Lunchtime jazz with Willie Garnet at noon.
Friday 13 June and Saturday 14: Controlled Attack Theatre Group, 8 pm.
Saturday 21 June: Hackney Marsh Fun Festival Barn Dance, 8 pm.
Saturday 28 June: An evening with Gilbert and Sullivan, 8 pm.

REGULAR EVENTS:
Tuesdays: Youth club 7-9 pm.
Wednesdays: Youth club disco 7-9 pm.
Thursdays: Home Grown Music 8 pm.
Sundays: Lunchtime jazz sessions 12 noon.

Revolutionary Communist Tendency Dayschool on Racial Oppression and the Labour Movement: Southall, Bristol... Black Oppression and Class Politics.
Morning session: On the Dole, Up Against the Police - and with no Help From the Unions - speaker Fran Eden.
Afternoon session: The Strange Death of Liberal Anti-Fascism - speaker Frank Richards.
Saturday 21 June: 10 am-5 pm. All Nations Club, Martello Street, E8. For further details, ring 274 3951 or write to BM RCT London WC1V 6XX. Register now: £1.

HACKNEY WOMEN'S AID. Exhibition about violence in the home. Centerprise coffee bar, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8. 10-28 June, daily.

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We are continuing to hold regular meetings on Mondays at 8 pm in our office. If you would like to learn more about the paper - or volunteer to help write, produce or sell the next issue, then please come along. Meetings during June will be on 2nd, 9th and 16th June. If you can't come one Monday, then write to us at 85 Dalston Lane, E8 or ring 249 0311 (evenings and weekends).

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